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The Prince of Wales opens Sawston Village College in 1930

College gets royal seal of approval – 1930

THE Prince of Wales set the seal of royal approval upon an ambitious scheme of rural education which has attracted worldwide attention when he opened Sawston Village College.

Should it prove a success, it will prove a pattern for a chain of similar colleges not only for the rest of this county but for vast dominions beyond the seas.

The prince received a most enthusiastic reception. The village was gay with bunting and the inhabitants turned out en masse to wave and cheer.

Cattle market plans – 1926

THE Cambridge borough surveyor submitted four schemes for the layout of land at the cattle market.

The west side was used for vehicles of those attending the market, the east side was partly used for allotments and the question had arisen of developing part for conveniences, a free library and an abattoir, which was most important.

The Railway Company wanted to provide up and down platforms at the station. It was unlikely the bridge would be widened for railway traffic was decreasing

Warning: free photo scam – 1920

PEOPLE canvassing town begging people to have enlargements made from photos of their dear ones, offering them 'free' on the pretence they are opening a business.

If enlargements are made, they are put into common frames and charged outrageous prices for the 'frames only' and the originals are retained until the 'free' enlargement is purchased – warning.

Appointment of first lady mayor – 1908

THE very first girl student to attend university lectures in Cambridge, Miss Dove, is going to be the first lady mayor in English history.

She must not be confused with the common or garden suffragette. All her life she has been something of a pioneer.

She was one of the little group of twelve ladies who enrolled at Miss Emily Davies' college, then carried on at Hitchin, and the very first to enter the new building at Girton where the students re-assembled in October 1873.

No power to halt motor taxi – 1908

COUNCILLORS were told that they had no power to prevent anyone coming to Cambridge and running motor taxi-cabs though they could refuse to licence them plying for hire or using the cab ranks.

They could have a garage, be on the telephone and receive orders to drive people in their taxis, just as the hansom cab proprietors did.

If they were to come, it was better they be licensed. They would create a new, long-distance trade as ordinary street traffic would not pay them.

It would be wrong to license motor taxis in Cambridge, councillor Wootten said.

There were 120 hansom cabmen, probably married and with families who owned the cabs they drove and had spent money on renovating them.

There were 500 people who were getting a livelihood out of the cabs including those supplying harness and fodder for the horses.

First Cambridgeshire man to fall – 1914

DEEP regret has been caused throughout Cambridgeshire by the official news that Captain Francis Percy Campbell Pemberton, of the 2nd Life Guards of Trumpington Hall, was killed in action near Roulers on Monday, October 19.

The news was conveyed to members of the deceased officer's family on Friday evening.

His Majesty the King, who is colonel-in-chief of the regiment, and Her Majesty the Queen have telegraphed their deep sympathy to Canon and Mrs Pemberton.

Captain Pemberton, who was 29 years of age, was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge.

He entered the army in 1907 and received a captaincy in August last. In May, 1912, he was seconded from his regiment (the 2nd Life Guards) to take up duties of cavalry instructor to the Oxford and Cambridge Officers' Training Corps.

The appointment would have expired next March but, on the declaration of war, he was recalled to his regiment.

Widespread sympathy is felt for the Canon, Mrs Pemberton, Miss Pemberton and the widow in their great loss.

The news was received with the deepest regret in Trumpington.

He was a fine all-round sportsman, a splendid cricketer, a keen huntsman and an extraordinarily good shot. He was a member of the County Cricket Club, and Vice-President of the Trumpington Cricket Club.

Capt Pemberton is the first Trumpington man who has fallen in the war. He is also the first Cambridgeshire officer who has died for his country in this great struggle.

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